GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DAMAGE DUE TO EARTHQUAKE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of deaths and damage to property in the recent earthquake in the country, State-wise particularly in Kerala;

(b) the estimated amount of loss as a result thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the measures being taken by the Government to rehabilitate the victims and to compensate the losses?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): As reported by the Government of Gujarat, the killer earthquake of January26, 2001 caused colossal damage to life and property resulting in death of over 19,800 people. About 13.40 lakh houses/huts have been destroyed/damaged. The total loss is estimated at about Rs.21,000 crore. There are no reports of loss of life or property from any other State.

(c): Immediate assistance of Rs.500 crore was released to the State.The State Government has announced rehabilitation and reconstruction package. The Central Government is facilitating mobilisation of resources, besides financial assistance.